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1. I MET WITH FRG AMB STELTZER THIS MORNING, AT HIS REQUEST, FOR A PRELIMINARY MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INVITATION TO REPS OF CORE GROUP COUNTRIES TO MEET WITH HIM, 1800 LOCAL, JULY 29, ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. I PLAN TO ATTEND THAT MEETING.

2. STELTZER HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN, IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO THE FRG, TO APPROACH EIGHT AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING EGYPT, ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. IN PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW'S CORE GROUP MEETING, HE HAD DRAWN UP AN AGENDA, BASED ON KOREAN PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH, FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. HE ASKED MY VIEWS
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ON PUTTING THIS MATERIAL INTO AN AIDE MEMORIE TO

GIVE TO THE EGYPTIANS. I TOLD HIM THAT I THOUGHT AN AIDE MEMORIE FROM HIM, ON BEHALF OF CORE GROUP, WOULD BE USEFUL SINCE GOE WILL OTHERWISE CONVENIENTLY FORGET SOME OF THE POINTS. HE INTENDS ASK CORE GROUP'S VIEW ON THIS POINT. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, INSTEAD OF SEEING ONLY MOHAMED RIAD, AS HE HAD FIRST CONTEMPLATED, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF HE MADE DEMARACHE TO FAHMY. HE NOW HAS MEETING SCHEDULED WITH RIAD FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 2, AND TENTATIVELY HOPES TO SEE FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA FOLLOWING DAY.

3. I ALSO TOLD STELTZER OF MY PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH FAHMY AND RIAD ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN WHICH BOTH OF THESE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION, BUT HAD ALSO INDICATED THEY DID NOT SEE HOW GOE COULD CHANGE ITS POSITION FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, INCLUDING NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT (CAIRO 6710). SINCE WE CONSIDER KOREA A VITAL QUESTION, IN ADDITION TO CORE APPROACH, I SAID WE HAVE IN MIND A SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FAHMY ON THE MATTER. I DID NOT KNOW WHEN THAT LETTER WOULD BE RECEIVED, BUT HOPED IT WOULD BE BEFORE I AM SCHEDULED TO GO TO ALEXANDRIA ON TUESDAY, AUG 3. FINALLY, I TOLD STELTZER ABOUT OUR INTENTION PRESENT TO VARIOUS NAM STATES COPIES OF NORTH KOREAN TREATIES WITH SOVIET UNION AND PRC WHICH SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT NORTH KOREA IS NOT REALLY A NON-ALIGNED STATE (I HAVE IN MIND GIVING FAHMY COPIES OF THESE TREATIES). STELTZER EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS THIS POINT WITH GOE. I SAID I WOULD GIVE COPIES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORE GROUP AT TOMORROW'S MEETING. I WILL ALSO GIVE THEM COPIES OF EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY'S SPEECH. ON BASIS PREVIOUS FRG DEMARCH TO GOE ON KOREA, STELTZER WAS NOT PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT GOE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER ITS LONG ESTABLISHED POSITION, BUT IS PREPARED MAKE BEST POSSIBLE TRY.

4. WE AGREED THAT BIGGEST OBSTACLE WE HAVE TO OVERCOME IS NORTH KOREAN MILITARY SPARE PARTS SUPPLY TO EGYPT.
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WHILE GOE IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE EMBARRASSING POSITION IN WHICH IT FINDS ITSELF, AND AS LONG TIME SPONSOR OF KOREAN RESOLUTION FINDS IT HAS PAINTED ITSELF INTO A CORNER FROM WHICH IT DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO EXTRICATE ITSELF, WE MUST RECKON WITH THE FACT THAT GAMASY AND THE MILITARY ARE OPPOSED TO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GIVE OFFENSE TO NORTH KOREANS AND CAUSE LATTER TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS ON SPARE PARTS. IF SOME FORMULA COULD BE FOUND

WHICH EGYPTIANS COULD DEPLOY AT COLOMBO MEETING TO URGE NORTH KOREA TO RESUME DIRECT TALKS WITH ROK AND PARTICIPATE IN FOUR POWER MEETING, WITHOUT GOE SEEMING TO GO BACK ON ITS LONG HELD POSITION, GOE MIGHT BE WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE. THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD BE FEASIBLE IF NORTH KOREANS ARE AGREEABLE TO NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, ALL EVIDENCE WHICH WE AND FRG HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COLLECT SUGGESTS NORTH KOREANS ARE PUSHING HARD HERE TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION. IF ENOUGH NAM STATES COULD BE FOUND TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARY, SO THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY ISOLATED AT NAM MEETING, GOE MIGHT BE MORE AMENABLE TO TAKING NORTH KOREAN FLAK BY URGING CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH. BUT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT GOE TO BE VENTURESOME OR TO BE WILLING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PRESSING FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

5. IF DEPT HAS ANY OTHER THOUGHTS WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY BE SURFACED AT TOMORROW'S CORE MEETING HERE, PLEASE ADVISE NIACT IMMEDIATE.
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